

SB3045



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Introduced 5/31/2008, by Sen. Susan Garrett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2705/2705-585 new

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, prior to funding any new or continuing surface transportation capital project, the Department of Transportation must establish certain prioritization procedures. Provides that the Department of Transportation must publish and furnish to the General Assembly a comprehensive project prioritization plan.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 Section 2705-585 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-585 new)

8 Sec. 2705-585. Prioritization for surface transportation
9 capital funding.

10 (a) In this Section:

11 "District" means the districts of the State of Illinois
12 established by the Department for its administrative purposes
13 and statutorily authorized activities.

14 "MPO" means a Metropolitan Planning Organization
15 designated under 23 U.S.C. 134 whose metropolitan planning area
16 boundaries are partially or completely within the State.

17 "Per capita cost/benefit" means a determination of the
18 estimated cost of the project divided by the population
19 affected by the project.

20 "Project" means any new or continuing surface
21 transportation capital project (including but not limited to
22 roadways, transit, rail, trails, walkways, bicycle trails, and
23 intermodal facilities) financed in whole or in part by State

1 funds.

2 "RPC" means a regional planning commission or joint
3 regional planning commission established in accordance with
4 Section 5-14001 or 5-14003 of the Counties Code.

5 "State transportation goals" means the following:

6 (1) Providing transportation system investments that
7 improve passenger and freight mobility and maximize
8 benefits to local, regional, and State economies and their
9 economic competitiveness;

10 (2) Providing transportation investments that
11 integrate proper land use planning and therefore improve
12 the accessibility of individuals and businesses to
13 housing, jobs and services;

14 (3) Increasing public safety, security, and quality of
15 the environment by reducing per capita crash rates,
16 particularly for the most vulnerable transportation users,
17 by increasing use of less hazardous modes, and by reducing
18 unhealthy emissions; and

19 (4) Ensuring efficient use of transportation resources
20 by utilizing high capacity modes, demand management, and
21 other technologies, and reducing per capita congestion
22 delays.

23 "STIP" means the transportation improvement program each
24 state must develop pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 135.

25 (b) Prior to funding any new or continuing surface
26 transportation capital project, the Department shall:

1 (1) Establish no fewer than 5 and no more than 10
2 evaluation criteria for project prioritization derived
3 from the State transportation goals;

4 (2) Establish a process for calculating a project's per
5 capita cost/benefit;

6 (3) Establish a process for receiving and evaluating
7 projects proposed by MPOs, RPCs, and Districts, provided
8 such projects have first been evaluated and prioritized by
9 the proposing entity considering the evaluation criteria
10 and the process for calculating a project's per capita
11 cost/benefit as established by the Department;

12 (4) Publish and furnish to the General Assembly a
13 comprehensive project prioritization plan that:

14 (A) describes the evaluation criteria, per capita
15 cost/benefit calculation, and prioritization process
16 used by the Department;

17 (B) includes all of the projects submitted by each
18 MPO, RPC, and District, as well any statewide projects
19 proposed by the Department; and

20 (C) prioritizes all projects for State and federal
21 funding using an objective scoring system based upon
22 the evaluation criteria, and considering the project's
23 per capita/cost benefit and use restrictions
24 applicable to particular funding sources.

25 (c) Commencing in 2009 and in each year thereafter, the
26 Department shall revise and update the comprehensive project

1 prioritization plan described in item (4) of subsection (b) of
2 this Section and publish and furnish such plan to the General
3 Assembly as the annual project program for the highway, mass
4 transportation, and railroad systems required to be developed
5 by the Department pursuant to Section 2705-200 of the Civil
6 Administrative Code. The comprehensive project prioritization
7 plan shall serve as the basis for the Department's draft and
8 final STIP. The draft and final STIP may not include any
9 projects that were not included in the most recent
10 comprehensive project prioritization plan. The Department's
11 master plan and 5-year project programs published and delivered
12 to the Governor and General Assembly in accordance with
13 subsection (a) of Section 2705-200 of the Civil Administrative
14 Code shall include an analysis of the 3 most recent
15 comprehensive project prioritization plans, and shall identify
16 priority transportation subsystems and critical system
17 components based upon the prioritization and funding
18 recommendations contained in the 3 most recent comprehensive
19 project prioritization plans.